

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A playback apparatus comprising:
a playback ~~unit which plays~~ section configured to play back predetermined information;
~~an accommodation unit which accommodates a detachable~~ a storage section
that stores a removable recording medium; and
a controller ~~which causes~~ configured to enable a PCMCIA standard when the playback ~~[[unit]]~~ section accesses ~~to access to~~ the recording medium in the storage section, ~~accommodated in the accommodation unit according to a first communication-~~
~~standard and~~ to enable an ATA standard when ~~causes~~ an external apparatus accesses
~~to access to~~ the recording medium, the ATA standard using ATA standard signals
obtained by converting USB standard signals supplied from the external apparatus
~~according to a second communication standard different from the first communication-~~
~~standard.~~

2-14. (Canceled)

15. (New) A playback apparatus, comprising:
a playback section configured to play back predetermined information;
a storage section that stores a removable recording medium;

a USB-ATA bridge configured to receive USB standard signals from an external apparatus and convert the USB standard signals into ATA standard signals;

a first switch configured to receive the ATA standard signals from the USB-ATA bridge and supply the received ATA standard signals to the storage section;

a second switch located between the playback section and the storage section;
and

a controller configured to enable a PCMCIA standard by turning off the first switch and turning on the second switch when the playback section accesses the recording medium in the storage section, and to enable the ATA standard when the external apparatus accesses the recording medium.

16. (New) A method for accessing a playback apparatus, comprising:

detecting a removable recording medium in a storage section of the playback apparatus;

determining that the recording medium is being accessed by one of a playback section of the playback apparatus and an external apparatus;

enabling a PCMCIA standard when the recording medium is accessed by the playback section; and

enabling an ATA standard when the recording medium is accessed by the external apparatus, such that the ATA standard uses ATA standard signals obtained by converting USB standard signals supplied from the external apparatus.

17. (New) A method for accessing a playback apparatus, comprising:

detecting a removable recording medium in a storage section of the playback apparatus;

determining that the recording medium is being accessed by one of a playback section of the playback apparatus and an external apparatus;

turning off a first switch and turning on a second switch to enable a PCMCIA standard when the recording medium is accessed by the playback section, wherein the first switch is configured to receive ATA standard signals from a USB-ATA bridge and to supply the received ATA standard signals to the storage section, and the second switch is located between the playback section and the storage section to enable the PCMCIA standard; and

turning on the first switch and turning off the second switch to enable an ATA standard when the recording medium is accessed by the playback section,

wherein the USB-ATA bridge is configured to receive USB standard signals from the external apparatus and convert the USB standard signals into the ATA standard signals.